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Subject:	RE: Lab Update

Chuck,
For mushrooms, I'm guessing, ASD is hesitant to give DXF her sample and is unhappy about her lack of openness or willingness to document the method (whether it is the current method or the previous method). She may also feel the method was never signed off on if the procedure is not documented. Once again, I'm guessing, she feels you or Julie need to sign off on the procedure/validation as Drug Lab Supervisors. As for GHB, again, my comment below stems from chemists wanting a written procedure for a rare GHB case they may get, especially if Tan/Mike are out. However, there is one aspects of the GHB method I'm concerned about- specifically, how GHB samples are submitted to GC/MS and understanding our requirements. Mike is starting to understand my point but he should really put something in writing so we know he understands the problem/solution. This is particularly important if sample size is limited and he needs multiple confirmatory attempts on GC/MS. It's not efficient and causes both of us frustration. We're working harder but not smarter all because efforts are not being properly coordinated.

From: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Piro, Peter (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: RE: Lab Update

Peter , I have no clue what your talking about. Daniela is doing the Mushrooms and using the DEA method and working with Paul on the LC/MS. Michael and Tan are doing the GHB and currently are having a problem with the LC lamp. They aren't having a problem with the method. Who is coming to you with these questions? CBS

From: Piro, Peter (DPH)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Cc: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject: Lab Update

Hi Julie,

Recently and in the past, I've been approached by analysts looking for our current mushroom and GHB procedure. Some intervention or guidance I believe is needed so the lab (and QA/QC) obtains a written protocol for both. For the mushrooms, I've reluctantly given out my old method upon request but I don't think that's the solution you're looking for. We appear to have a method but someone (surprisingly) needs to be held accountable for sharing method documentation. As for GHB method development, the issue seems to revolve around correlating LC concentration to GC/MS sample/standard preparation. The Lab Supervisor should be presented with a written solution (along with the protocol) to this problem so GC/MS is not doing sample/standard concentration experiments beyond the method development phase. Please consider addressing these two topics for the lab should an analyst accidently come across one of these samples for testing.

-Peter